



Troy Museum & Historic Village

**New Hours Beginning
October 1:**
Mon.-Sat. 9 am-4:30 pm
Sun.: Closed

60 West Wattles Road (NW corner of Wattles & Livernois)
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www.troymi.gov/museum

In honor of our national holidays, the Museum will be closed Sept. 1 and Nov. 27

Fall 2008

Fall Farm Festival: Pumpkins and Ponies

**Saturday, September 27
from 1-4 pm**

This year's autumn celebration will feature fun with pumpkins and ponies. Enjoy live music, dancing, and other activities. Watch a horse being shod. Children can spit pumpkin seeds, ride a pony (for a fee), make a craft, and play games. Families can try pumpkin cooking and decorating. All of our buildings will be open to enjoy, and food will be available for purchase.



Free admission; donations welcome. Park at Zion Christian Church (3668 Livernois - ¼ mile south of Wattles) and ride a free shuttle to the Museum.

Trick or Treat: A Knight at the Museum

Saturday, October 25 from 1-3 pm

Princesses, wizards, jesters, and, of course, a knight or two are coming to the Village for a royal adventure this Halloween! Children may come in costume and trick-or-treat at each of our historic buildings. There will be a fencing demonstration, a fun catapult game and even a strolling minstrel. The Troy Garden Club will give away mini-pumpkins (while supplies last) and the Troy Museum Guild will provide cider and doughnuts for hungry little adventurers. The first 250 children will receive an inflatable knight's sword!



Free admission; donations welcome. Park at Zion Christian Church (3668 Livernois - ¼ mile south of Wattles) and ride a free shuttle to the Museum.

Santa's Village

**Saturday, December 6
from 1-4 pm**



Skip the trip to the North Pole and visit Santa's Village right here in Troy! The elves will be hard at work but Santa will be meeting boys and girls to listen to their wish lists. Stop by our Behavior Monitoring Station, manned by elves, to register in our Naughty or Nice Book. Have you been a good boy or girl?

Stop by the North Pole Gift Shop which will have a glittering array of stocking-stuffers for purchase. The Elves' Canteen will also be dispensing free cookies and hot cider – sprinkled with magic dust so as to be extra delicious. In honor of your visit, the elves are arranging festive music and activities throughout Santa's Village. Santa will arrive in his horse-drawn carriage at 2 pm. Bring your camera and your imagination and join us for this very special day of community celebration.

Free admission; donations welcome. Park at Zion Christian Church (3668 Livernois - ¼ mile south of Wattles) and ride a free "polar express" shuttle to the Museum.

News from the Museum

● Museum Educational Programs

Did you know that the Museum is visited by more than 11,000 schoolchildren and teachers every year? We offer hands-on historical programs that will meet the needs of your students. Go to www.troymi.gov/museum and click on "Teacher Information," or call for a new brochure. The reservation hotline (248.524.3598) opens August 26 for Troy School District, and September 9 for all others.

● Credit Cards Welcomed at Museum

The Museum is now able to accept your Visa or Mastercard credit card payment for program registrations and gift shop purchases (\$5 minimum). School group and wedding reservations must be paid by check or cash.

● Volunteer Opportunities

Many opportunities are available to new and returning Museum volunteers and junior volunteers. Call for more info.

● Toys For Tots

'Tis the season! Help the U.S. Marine Corps collect toys for needy children in our area. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Museum between Nov. 28 - Dec. 12, or to Santa's Village on Dec. 6 when active-duty and Veteran Marines will accept your donations in person!



See
What's
NEW at the
Museum!

Monthly Museum Photo Contest!

Attention camera aficionados: the Historic Village is a photographer's paradise. Enter this contest and the winning photos will be featured on the front page of the Museum's website! All ages welcome. Photos can be from any category (scenery, people, close-ups, nature, etc.) but must fit the monthly theme and follow these rules:

- 1) Images must have been taken at the Troy Museum & Historic Village.
- 2) E-mail photos to registrar@troymi.gov with subject line "photo contest." By submitting a photo, you agree to all of the rules.
- 3) One entry per person per month. Only the photographer may submit a photo.
- 4) All photographs must be submitted within the appropriate dates, as listed below.
- 5) Include your name, city of residence, contact information, when the photo was taken, and title of photo (if applicable).
- 6) The Museum may select additional entries to be featured in a web gallery elsewhere on the Museum's webpage.
- 7) Winners will be contacted by the Museum before images are published. The winner's name, city, and photo title will be included on the website.
- 8) If asked, you must be able to prove that you have authority to grant use of the image and the people in it.
- 9) The Museum may ask to use pictures selected for the website in future publicity. If you do not wish the Museum to use the photo beyond the monthly contest, this must be indicated when the photo is submitted.
- 10) The photographer will retain copyright to the image.

Theme:

School time
Pumpkins
Holidays
Family

Submit Photos Between:

September 1-26
October 1-24
November 1-24
December 1-19

Appears on Web:

October
November
December
January



Announcing New Genealogy Work Group!

The Museum, Oakland County Genealogical Society, and Troy Library are partnering to provide improved and expanded access to Troy genealogical records and to assist those tracing their roots.

For many years, Museum staff and volunteers laboriously collected and filed historic documents, newspaper articles and obituaries. The work group will scan these into OCGS electronic files, accessible to a wide audience. The paper collection remains available during Museum hours; appointments are recommended.

WHO LIVED ON MY LAND? AN INTRODUCTION TO TROY GENEALOGY

**Saturday, October 11
at 10:30 am**

Discover who owned your property in the past! This workshop will teach you how to find and use historical maps, newspaper clippings, census records, files, obituaries and other primary sources available at the Museum. We'll also show you some free online resources for your search. This program will be helpful for people researching their Troy relatives.

Fee: \$2. Advanced registration required by Oct. 6. Specify one local address when registering.



Johnson Niles Property

Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour

Select Wednesdays at 10:30-11:15 am

Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse in listening to a classic tale in our monthly program for little historians! A simple craft and a yummy treat will make your child's visit complete. Appropriate for children ages 2-5; child must be accompanied by an adult.

Sept. 3 Cows at the Moo-seum

Oct. 1 Pumpkin Party

Nov. 5 Churn Butter Churn

Dec. 3 Frosty the Snowman

No fee, but phone registrations must be received in advance. Space is limited.



Homelife Tour and Buttermaking

Saturdays, September 6,
October 4, November 1
from 1-2:15 pm

Compare living in the pioneer log cabin, Civil War-era Caswell house, and turn-of-the-century Parsonage farmhouse. There will be a focus on architecture, cooking, social roles, and technology in daily life. Savor the experience of making fresh butter afterwards!

Fee: \$5. Ages: 3rd grade to adult.
Advanced registration required by
Sept. 2, Sept. 30, and Oct. 28.

The Museum
can accommodate
Red Hats or other



organized groups on most weekdays at 3 pm. Minimum group size is 15 persons; cost per senior citizen is \$2.50. Call Ray, or e-mail LucasRE@troymuseum.org to schedule.

Museum Tour and Buttermaking

Saturdays, September 20, October 18,
November 22 from 1-3 pm

Enjoy a guided tour of the Museum's buildings in the crisp fall air. Visit Troy's crown jewel and learn about your community's heritage. A buttermaking opportunity with tasty samples follows.

This is a great family activity!
Perfect for Scout groups, too.
All ages welcome.

Fee: \$5 per person.
These popular tours fill
quickly, register by Sept. 15,
Oct. 13, and Nov. 17.

The 2008 Election: For Adults and For Kids

Now until the Election

As a City Museum, we respect the power of elections to lead the growth of our communities. Come pick up non-partisan candidate information that will help you research the candidates and issues before you do your civic duty and vote for people who you feel reflect your values best and will lead well.

To introduce young people to the voting process, we are offering the chance to see a real voting booth and cast a ballot for your favorite food! Learn about the candidates and issues, and wear a "Future Voter" sticker. Tech-savvy teens can apply to be paid Election Inspectors. Offered in conjunction with the Troy City Clerk's office and the League of Women Voters.

FALL BUS TRIPS

Grand Rapids "Heritage Hill" Trip

Saturday, October 4 from 8:15 am-8:15 pm

Stroll or take a trolley and enjoy Heritage Hill, one of the largest Urban historic districts recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. The 1,300 homes in Heritage Hill date from 1848 and feature an array of architectural styles, colors, decorating styles, and great urban gardens. Tour inside eight private homes and two historic buildings. Included are the Meyer May House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and the elegant 1895 Voigt House Museum, containing original furnishings and personal items of the Voigts who occupied it for 76 years. Dinner will be at the historic Arnie's Restaurant & Bakery.

Appropriate for teenagers and adults. **Fee: \$70. Troy Historical Society members \$65. Price includes charter coach transportation, tour ticket, and dinner. Lunch is available for purchase at food booths along the tour route; cost is not included. Register by Sept. 1.**

Trains, Planes, and Color

Saturday, October 11

from 12:30-5:15 pm



Back by popular demand! We're heading to Mount Clemens for a family-friendly outing. Travel by bus to the Michigan Transit Museum for a ride in historical train cars, with a mid-route stop at the Selfridge Military Air Museum to see vintage planes. Then visit the 1859 Mount Clemens Railway Depot where Thomas Edison learned to use the telegraph.

Fee: Adult, \$22. Troy Historical Society members, \$21. Child 12 and under, \$10. Price includes bus transportation, train ride, Museum admissions, and snacks. Adults 18 and over must carry photo ID to enter the Air Museum. Dress for the weather. Register at the Museum by Sept. 30. Space is limited.

Webelo Scouts' Lumberjack Day with Sheepshank Sam

Saturday, October 18 from 10 am-12:15 pm



Join character Sheepshank Sam for an active program all about Michigan's logging days. Go back in time to a lumber camp and laugh along with Sam's tall tales. See historic tools and clothes, and try hands-on activities outside like rolling and pulling logs. Use an antique two-man saw to cut a souvenir from a log. Dress for the weather. Bring a picnic for afterwards, if you'd like. Lumber-camp cookies are provided.

Fee: \$10 per Webelo scout, \$2 per optional Museum patch. Leaders and chaperones are free. Register by Oct. 10.

Holiday Gingerbread House

Saturday, December 13 from
10 am-12 pm

Make your own gingerbread house with the help of instructor Jeanetta Miller. All materials provided. A great family or Scout activity!

Fee: \$7

Ages: 6 to adult

Register before Dec. 4, space is limited for this popular program.



Thursday Teas at Two

Sip a cup of tea while enjoying a slice of history. A different delightful topic each month! Presentations begin at 2 pm and last one hour. Guests are welcome to bring their own china cup and saucer if preferred. There will be no program in December.

September 25: Vaudeville Tea

Go back to the days of stage theatre and sing along with Kate Smith and Ted Lewis. Learn about vaudeville's history as we welcome back the **Petticoat Ladies!** A fun program that is sure to get you laughing.

October 30: Tudor Healing Tea

How did Elizabeth I clean her teeth, and Shakespeare cure his wounds? Europe-born Annick Hivert-Carthew shares spirited solutions to all sorts of nasty diseases, some of which we still use today.

November 20: Holiday Surprises Tea

It wasn't a family tradition, so why does Iris Lee Underwood of Yule Love It Lavender serve spiced tea at the holidays? Listen as she explains and reveals more of the special customs and foods from other people and cultures that we adopt for our own.

Fee: \$4 per person; groups of 15 or more, \$3 per person. Register in advance as space is limited for this popular series.



Evening Lecture Series:

Sponsored by the Troy Historical Society

September 17: The 24th Michigan Infantry of the Iron Brigade

The men of the 24th Michigan Infantry fought so courageously in the Civil War—including at Gettysburg—Gen. McClellan said they must be made of iron. Dr. Randal Hoyer, history professor at Madonna University, will share their fascinating and important story.



October 15: History of Food

The development of cooking and farming changed the human diet and even our bodies. Learn about the evolution of what people eat, from the Neolithic era onwards, with Tony Schadt.

November 19: Women's Suffrage

Troy Museum manager Loraine Campbell chronicles the struggle of determined women to earn the right to vote in this country.

All lectures held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please note there will not be a December lecture. **Fee: \$5 at the door; free for Historical Society members. No registration required.**

POPPLETON SCHOOL REUNION Saturday, September 13 at 11 am

The second Saturday in September is the annual Poppleton Reunion held here in the old schoolhouse. The event is open to everyone who attended Poppleton before it closed in 1976 and their families. Come and meet childhood friends and enjoy your picnic lunch. Share stories about student experiences and be sure your name has been added to the Museum's official records. Welcome back!



Crooks Road Cemetery Tour II Sunday, September 21 Beginning at 2 pm

Costumed interpreters introduce more of Troy's pioneers, residents, and their family members buried in this historic cemetery. Hear tales and learn about local history. Guided tours leave every 15 minutes and last about an hour. Meets at the cemetery, 3701 Crooks Rd, between Big Beaver and Wattles at Boulan Park. Appropriate for ages 10 to adult. Dress for the weather.

Fee: \$5 per person, Troy Historical Society members free! Space is limited; you must call in advance to reserve a specific time slot.

44TH ANNUAL "HAND AND EYE" CRAFT SHOW Saturday, November 15 from 9 am-4 pm at Troy High School



This craft show features more than 100 juried vendors selling a wide variety of items, including jewelry, clothing, glass, painted items, and holiday decorations. There will also be a raffle of donated craft items, and the Troy High Boosters will sell food and refreshments. No strollers please. Sponsored by the Troy Historical Society.

If you would like to be considered for inclusion in the "Hand and Eye" Show, crafter applications are available now on the Historical Society website, www.troyhistory.org. Hurry! They're due October 15.

Fee: \$3 admission, \$2 for Troy Historical Society members. All proceeds benefit the Troy Historical Society and the Heritage Campaign. Support your local Museum; help preserve our heritage! Troy High School is located at 4777 Northfield Parkway (off Long Lake, between Crooks and Coolidge).

TOWN HALL DISCUSSIONS

Mondays from 2-3:30 pm

"Those who do not understand history are doomed to repeat it." Many of today's issues have been addressed, for better or for worse, in the past. This new series provides a forum for adults to explore hot topics, using history as a context for spirited, respectful discussion. Each session will be led by an authority on the subject. Participants will be provided background reading, to help them prepare. Bring your educated opinion and your open mind.

September 8: Surviving Hard Economic Times

Our country has experienced, and recovered from, a number of economic slumps. From the Panic of 1837 through the Great Depression, to the 1980s recession and today, how have Americans reacted to these periods?

October 13: Censorship

The 1st Amendment guarantees free speech, but this is not unrestricted. What forms of censorship are accepted in the interest of society, and which truly impinge on basic rights?

November 3: Image Versus Issues

On this day before the election, we will discuss what is more important in selecting candidates: their carefully-sculpted image, or their position on the issues. From Bill Clinton's saxophone and JFK's looks, to Eisenhower's military background, we may even have time to discuss national trends regarding the 2008 election.

No fee! Phone registration required in advance.